

**FIVE COUNTY LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**August 17, 2011 ~ 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Five County Association of Governments**  
**Conference Room**  
**1070 West 1600 South Bldg B**  
**St. George, UT 84770**

**Attendance:**

<b>Members in Attendance</b>		<b>Agency Representing</b>
American Red Cross	Lorin Lillywhite	
Cedar City Housing Authority	Heidi Miller	
Department of Workforce Services	Jan Thompson or Teresa Banks	
Dixie Care & Share	Ruben Garcia	
Dixie Regional Medical Center	Valerie Rodgers	
DOVE Center	Holly Malnar	
Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation	Michele Poast	
Five County Community Action Partnership	Jane Lewis & Sherri Dial	
Iron County Care and Share	Ray Sim, Co-Chairperson	
Juvenile Justice Services	Tami Fullerton	
LDS Transient Bishop's Center	Ron Colman	
Resource and Re-Entry	Frank Yoder	
Safety Net	Jean Goode	
Southwest Behavioral Health Center	Stephanie Volker	
St. George Housing Authority	Keisha Greenwell	
St. George Police Department	Lt. Gordon McCracken	
Veterans Administration	Cameron Hatch	
Washington County Library System	Britton Lund	
Washington County School District	Bob Green	
<b>Excused or Absent</b>		
Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center	Cindy Baldwin	
Color Country Housing	Ty Tippetts	
Disability Law Center	LuWenn Jones	
Job Corps	Colleen Tucker	
Paiute Tribe	Paula Claymore	
Southern Utah University Head Start	Judy Kempter	
St. George City Council -	Chairperson: Ben Nickels	
St. George Soup Kitchen	Jessica Rivera	
State Office	Lloyd Pendleton	
<b>Guests</b>		
	Tarra Dunn	
ARK of Little Cottonwood	Jeremy Boberg	
Community Action of Utah	Tim Jackson	
Department of Workforce Services	Lorri Economy	
DWS Veterans Representative	Sam Williams	
Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation	Angela Hinton	
Grace to Families	Rebekah Bowman	
Grace to Families	Olivia Bowman	
Red Rock Center for Independence	Tara Dunn	
Resource & Reentry	Sheila Smith	
Utah Food Bank, Southern Utah Branch	Linda Trujillo	
Veterans Administration	Lance Fromm	

## **OPENING:**

The regular meeting of the Five County Homeless Coordinating Council was called to order at 11:33 a.m. on August 17, 2011 in St. George, Utah by Jane Lewis (neither the chairperson or co-chairperson were in attendance and Ms. Lewis asked Council if they wanted her to proceed). Those present to state his or her name and place of employment. Co-chair Ray Sim arrived and the meeting was turned over to the co-chair.

### **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Britton Lund made a motion to approve the minutes. Frank Yoder seconded the motion.

### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were not approved as distributed, as a quorum was not present.

### **C. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **HPRP/TANF Information**

Dixie Care and Share: No representative was present.

Iron County Care & Share: HPRP money is going to expire in January 2012 at Iron County Care and Share.

#### **Homeless-Housing Subcommittee**

*Housing:* Frank Yoder, Chairperson for Subcommittee discussed a few housing project Resource & Reentry and the committee has viewed. R&R is looking at a single-room occupancy (SRO) in Hurricane. The SRO would house about 15 individuals with employment support. The committee as is looked at a hotel in St. George with 16 units. Frank stated he has begun to look into ways of financing a purchase. Council member received a sheet with an explanation of Supportive Housing to demonstrate reasons why this model should be considered as an alternative to rental assistance.

*Homeless Pamphlet:* The subcommittee distributed a rough draft pamphlet for providers and police officers to handout to homeless individuals. Community Action Partnership hired an intern to assist with putting together a pamphlet. Council members were asked to make notes on the pamphlet with their suggestions/corrections or email corrections to Jane Lewis.

#### **Washington County Homeless Summit Bring Homeless/Housing Question for Candidates**

During the June meeting, there was a discussion regarding a local homeless summit and Council members were asked to bring questions for candidates running for St. George City Council. Attendees were encouraged to attend the September 6<sup>th</sup> Candidate Forum at the St. George Library with their questions regarding housing and homeless issues.

#### **Housing Authorities Expansion**

Keisha Greenwell, St. George Housing Authority and Heidi Miller, Cedar City Housing Authority presented information regarding housing options and Section 8 Vouchers. St. George has 244 Section 8 Voucher and Cedar City 139 Vouchers. When new vouchers come available the local housing authorities are applying for them, however, it is a "lottery system". The housing authorities do not anticipate any other Section VIII vouchers becoming available. The waiting list is an average of 1-3 years, because the vouchers

only become available when others leave the program. St George Housing Authority has 30 units for senior housing (over 62) and individuals pay 30% of their wages towards this housing. The St. George Housing Authority receives about \$1,000.00 per month for emergency funding that may cover part of the family's move-in costs and first month's rent, however, the family will need evidence they can cover the following months. The housing authorities provided an explanation of Section 42, Tax Credit Apartment Complexes. A list of housing developments was handed out, however, there may be several subsidized units in St. George, many of these are not "affordable" for those families & individuals making minimum wage. St. George Housing Authority has 10 of their vouchers that can be used towards a project-based development. There was a discussion about the cost of background checks (BCI). It was mentioned that a few apartment complexes are charging high fees for BCIs.

### **Ark of Little Cottonwood, Dammeron Valley New Business**

Jeremy Boberg, of ARK made a brief presentation of their new program in Washington County. The program is a multidisciplinary center and they contract with the Veteran's Administration to serve homeless veterans. Council members were encouraged to refer veterans to the program.

### **Employment and Job Creation in the Area**

Lori Economy from Department of Workforce Services (DWS) presented on current employment and job creation in Southern Utah.

### **New Business:**

Five County Association of Governments has received notification for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program funding. The local jurisdiction's award is based upon the jurisdiction's total number of unemployed, between March 2010 and February 2011, and compared to the total number of unemployed in all qualifying jurisdictions. Iron County was the only local jurisdiction funded. Previously Washington County had received funding for 30 families to cover emergency shelter for one month if they can provide evidence they could cover the next month.

Frank Yoder, Resource & Reentry Director, presented some potential job opportunities that are collaborating with other agencies. A temporary employment service is being set up to work with the business that R&R is coordinating with for the job openings. Frank showed a brief DVD of his program Resource and Referral. Reimbursement

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Frank Yoder made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ray Sim. Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next general meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. on October 19, 2001 in Five County Association of Governments, 1070 West 1600 South, Bldg. B, St. George.